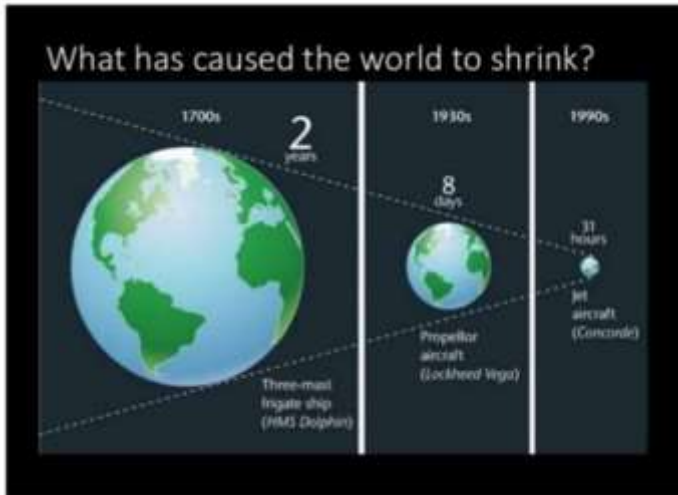


Lesson 1 - How Is The World Shrinking?



'Many people argue that over time, the world appears to be shrinking'.

1. Suggest why the statement above is true. You are not expected to get it correct. Everyone must write at least 1 full sentence in their books.

Background Information:

In the past, most people did not travel around very much. It was too difficult and too expensive. The world seemed a very big place.

Most people stayed in one area and most of their food and belongings came from that area.

Most people did not know very much about other countries. They learnt some things from stories.

Globalisation is a very important word in geography and one you will need to know in detail for your GCSEs.

Globalisation is the way ideas, culture (traditions and way of life), goods and people are traveling more easily around the world.

As travel is getting faster and more efficient it appears that the world is getting smaller.

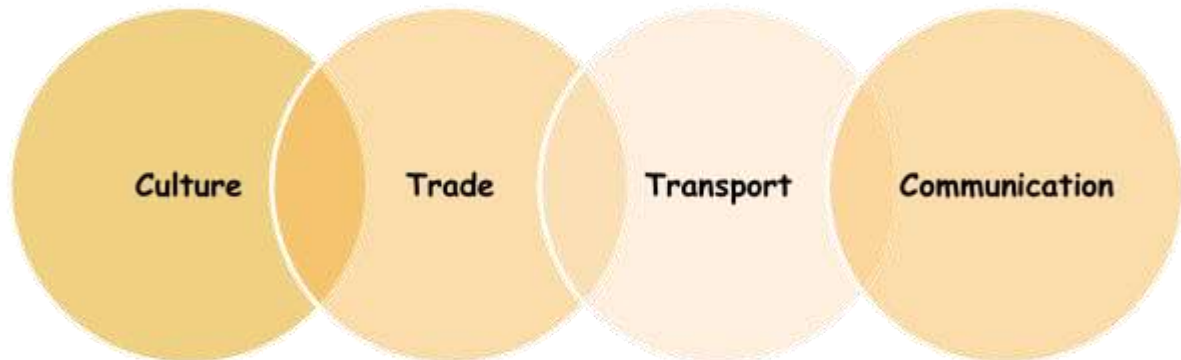


2. In your book copy down the meaning of globalisation in your own words

So any connection we have with another country is an example of globalisation. This could be traveling to another country on holiday, buying some clothes that were made in another country or even eating food like Chinese or an Indian Curry. Many things in recent years have been invented, which has accelerated (made it faster) globalisation. For example, most of the products we buy have been transported by containership. This means a large amount of goods can be transported on one boat, making it cheaper to deliver



Aspects of globalisation



As the world becomes more globalised nations are becoming more inter-dependent.

Especially when it comes to trade, culture, communication and transport

3. Look at the things that you are wearing (labels) or carrying with you today. Search for any that have a label, and write down the item and the country where that item was made in your book.
4. Which continent do most of the items you have identified come from?

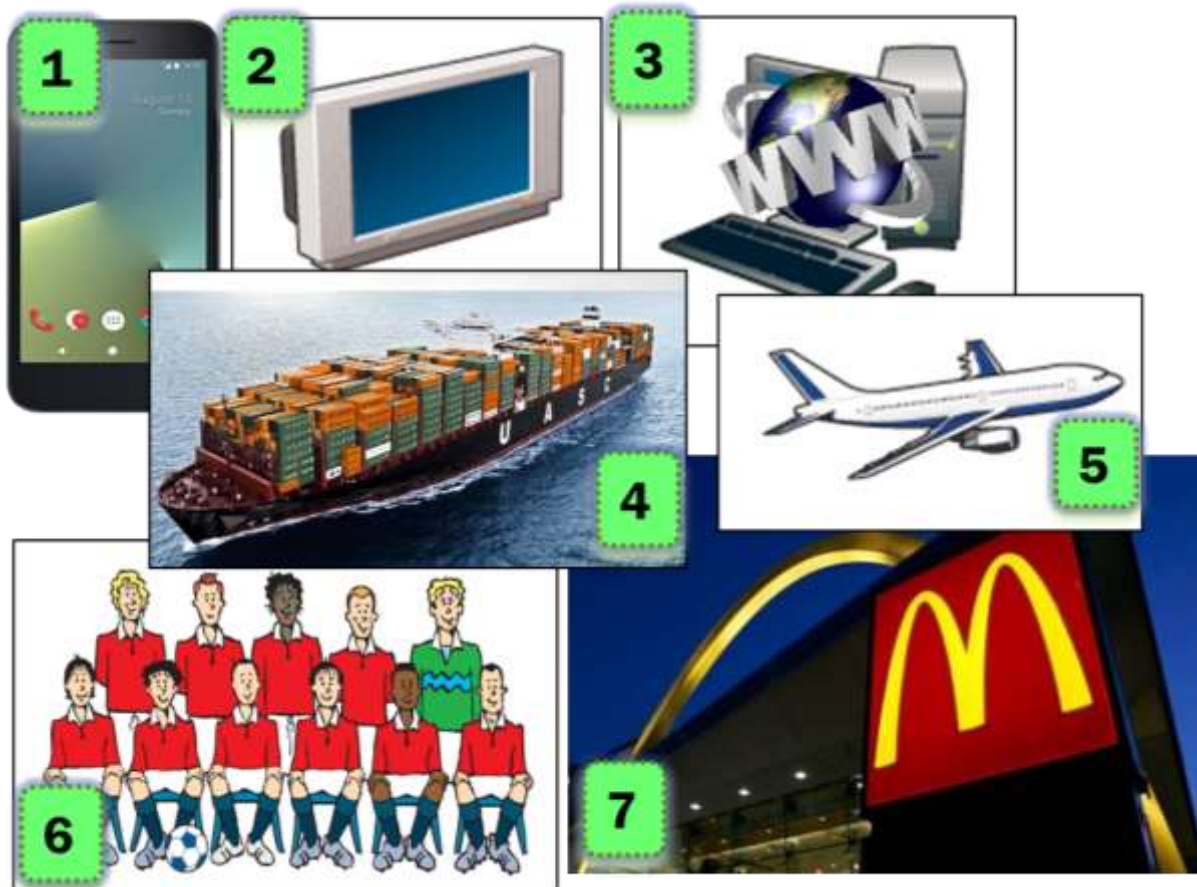


5. For each picture identify what it is showing. Identify what type of globalisation it is showing, look back at your definition. I.E. Culture. Then, explain how each helps to cause globalisation.

Example:

Picture 2 is showing a television. This is a way that culture is shared more easily. This is because we can watch programmes from other countries, such as MTV from the USA.

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Homework: Complete the worksheet below

Write down your favourite of each of the categories below. Then research on the internet and write down what country they come from.

Favourite	Name	Country it is from
Favourite Film		
Favourite TV Programme		
Favourite Singer		
Favourite Sports Player		
Favourite Games Console		
Favourite Trainer Brand		
Favourite Fashion Brand		
Favourite Food		
Favourite Drink		
Favourite Car		